

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended herein.

The following amendment is made in accordance with the discussions during the interview with the Examiner on September 9, 2003, and January 23, 2004.

A petition of revival under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) of an application abandoned unintentionally, notice of appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, a petition for a third month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136a, and all appropriate fees are submitted with the present response. Applicants filed a petition for a two-month extension of time on November 3, 2003.

In light of the foregoing, all pending claims of the application (Claims 1-16, 18-22, 54 and 55) are now believed to be in a condition for allowance and early notice to such an effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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